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1. In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 3, 2006, Applicants elect group II (claims 25-34) with traverse.

2. Applicants traverse the restriction between elected group II, and the method claims of group I, on the basis of MPEP 821.04. The claims of group I have been amended to render them dependent, directly or indirectly, on claim 25 of group I. Hence, if claim 25 is deemed allowable over the prior art, the group II claims should be rejoined in accordance with MPEP 821.04.

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